

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 16-57 are pending, in which claims 1-37 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 38-57 are newly presented. No new matter is introduced.

The Office Action mailed May 29, 2009 deemed the response filed Dec. 22, 2008 non-responsive under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b), in which pending claims 12-14, 16-27, 29, 30, and 32-37 were withdrawn for being directed to a nonelected invention.

To advance prosecution, claims 12-14, 16-27, 29, 30, and 32-37 are canceled.

Applicants have added new claims 38-57, which are directed to the constructively elect subject matter without prejudice to any divisional application that may be filed to cover the nonelected invention(s). It is submitted that new claims 38-57 are within the purview of the originally claimed subject matter and find support throughout the originally filed disclosure noting, for example, pages 15-18 (FIG. 3).

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the rejection of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 519-9952 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 504213 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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